

In the claims

1. (Previously Presented) A protector for a portable wireless communication device that has a housing and a keypad and contains at least one signal processing circuit, said protector comprising:

a cover pivotally attached to the housing such that said cover is pivotable from a first position wherein it covers the keypad to another position wherein the keypad is exposed; and

a planar antenna attached to the exterior of both the cover and the housing where the planar antenna is capacitively coupled to the signal processing circuit.

2. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover is pivotally attached to the housing by adhesive tape.

3. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna is laminated to said cover.

4. (Original) The protector of claim 3 wherein said antenna is fabricated from a metal tape.

5. (Original) The protector of claim 4 wherein said antenna is fabricated from aluminum tape.

6. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna comprises conductive particulate material attached to said cover.

7. (Original) The protector of claim 6 wherein said conductive particulate material is embedded in said cover.

8. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover is transparent.

9. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover is translucent.

10. (Original) The protector of claim 1 further comprising an overlay layer covering at least a portion of said antenna.
11. (Original) The protector of claim 10 wherein said overlay layer covers at least a portion of said cover and is transparent.
12. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said antenna is embedded in said cover.
13. (Original) The protector of claim 12 wherein said antenna comprises a metallic screen.
14. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover comprises:  
a first cover portion;  
a second cover portion; and  
a flexible joint interconnecting the first cover portion with the second cover portion.
15. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein the housing has a first color and said cover has said first color.
16. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover has indicia provided thereon.
17. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover only covers a portion of said keypad when said cover is in said first position.
18. (Original) The protector of claim 1 further comprising a biaser between said cover and a portion of the housing.
19. (Original) The protector of claim 1 wherein said cover is sized relative to the housing such that when the cover is pivoted to said another position, said cover supports the housing in an angular orientation on a surface.

20-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Original) A portable wireless communication device, comprising:

a housing;

signal-receiving circuitry in said housing;

signal-transmitting circuitry in said housing; and

an antenna movably attached to said housing and capacitively coupled to said signal-receiving circuitry and said signal-transmitting circuitry.

29. (Previously Presented) The portable wireless communication device of claim 28 wherein said antenna comprises a metallic tape attached to a exterior portion of said housing adjacent to said signal-transmitting and said signal-receiving circuitry, said metallic tape further attached to a cover movably affixed to said housing.

30. (Previously Presented) The portable wireless communication device of claim 28 wherein said cover is hingedly attached to said housing.

31. (Original) The portable wireless communication device of claim 21 wherein said cover comprises a first cover and a second cover pivotally interconnected to said first cover.

32-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting at least a portion of a portion of a keypad supported in the housing of a portable wireless communication device, said method comprising demountably securing by hand a cover to the housing such that the cover may be selectively pivoted from a first position wherein at least a portion of the keypad is covered to another position wherein the at least a portion of the keypad is exposed wherein the portable wireless communication device has signal-transmitting circuitry and signal-receiving circuitry therein and wherein said method comprises

enhancing an ability of the signal-receiving circuitry to receive signals and enhancing an ability of the signal transmitting circuitry to transmit signals. The method of claim 35  
wherein said enhancing comprises capacitively coupling an antenna to the signal -  
receiving circuitry and said signal-transmitting circuitry.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein said antenna is coupled to the cover and  
to the housing.